#### MODERN SUBJECTS TAUGHT in and tiptoe out of the church. He was followed by other men, until there was a pretty large hole in the congregation.

#### Dr. MacCracken Explains Objects of New York University and in front of them and go to praying, and Its Responsibility for Crimes Such as that of Mayor Gaynor's College Methods of To-day.

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warriors in Scotland, when figthing was joyment, emigrated to America and became pioneers and farmers.

Three generations back two MacCrackens, young men and brothers, sat on a another brought scandal to the commuline fence in an Ohio forest, and, after nity by engaging in a terribly bloody slowly and gravely talking the matter fight. There is no such conduct now at inside out, determined to be preachers. our American colleges. The MacCrackens, now a family and not Preaching is teaching, and an ecclesiastic

while he tried several law suits and a I was educated, you must remember, was was born at Oxford. My father pre- Nine clergymen and a great many lawcase of murder, Henry Mitchell Mac- a country village. We are living in a pared me for Miami University, from Cracken, son of one of the axmen on the fence returned to his home near and north of Cincinnati to study law, as he supposed, but, as a matter of fact, to be a schoolmaster. In his second place of employment, a little town of English brick houses among the fields, he followed Whitelaw Reid, who, finding his talent, had gone away to learn journalism.

There was preaching afterward, but the MacCracken gift for teaching was tos precise and managerial for the pulpit. Also, there is a more ready response from a class, eager to acquire, than from a congregation, settled in its convictions. A steaming man wants to be doing something. So Henry M. Mac-Cracken, doctor of divinity, pastor in a city, hurried along into the chancellorship of New York University. He has been here for twenty-six years, first subordinately and as a professor of philosophy, but since 1891 the inspirational and governing head of one of the most important educational enterprises in the United States

Builds an Institution,

Meanwhile, his influence has been manifest throughout the whole country. He found an obscure institution, meanly housed, and physical property worth \$500,000. There were ninety college students. To-day 4,240 young men and women are studying at the university. Beautiful buildings have been erected on the heights at the northern edge of the city. Property has been obtained to the value of \$5,000,000. The Scotch aptitude for general business and the driving of a particular bargain is not lacking in the MacCrackens. The two youths on the line fence in the woods once made a trade in land that has since been praised by all their descendants.

Educationally, the progress of New York University has kept up with its material success. A teacher himself, and nothing else, Dr. MacCracken established a department of pedagogy, the first anywhere of which there is a record. Later he opened a professional school of commerce, accounts, and financing. He has lived through and taken part in the modern evolution of educational methods, and is conspicuous among the group of great living teachers. Indeed, be and Charles W. Ellot are the grandest old school masters in America.

Three Score and Ten.

bridge, brown eyes that can twinkle with humer, and a short, white beard, he acts changes in the methods of preaching," I and looks like an amiable and muscular said, "as well as in teaching?" philosopher. He will be seventy years old on the 28th day of next September, and will then have served half a century as a public instructor.

Last February he resigned his office at his post, however, until the morning sented to defer to his wishes. He pleaded age, but they laughed at his years, as well they might. In the autumn he will set out upon a tour of the

development of Korea, China, and Japan. "Are there any chances nowadays," I asked him, "for the boy who has not gone to college?"

"Plenty of them," Chancellor Mac-Cracken replied. "It is not expected that every boy shall have a college education. instance, that certain pupils become tired of their books and long to go away and work with things or among men. They would only be harmed if they remained, and consequently they should be permitted to drop out. The natural process of elimination, which is the law of the survival of the fittest, goes on in our high schools, the classes growing smaller as

they near the end of the regular course. Leaves School for Business.

'Not all of the freshmen in college last. They have come through the high schools or preparatory schools, finding little difficulty with lower algebra or geometry, but when they reach the differential calculus and the higher mathematics they lose interest in their work them go. They will get no good where they are, especially if they loaf. From boys are vanishing into trades and busiway managers, manufacturers, mechanics, and inventors. Likewise to get rich." "Are college standards higher than they

"Oh, yes. It takes two years longer to get ready for college than was the case when I was a boy. If a student, in my | youd their own. youth, made some pretense of industry and kept out of mischief, he was usually excused for his deficiencies in schol Students now are absolutely com to work and obtain results or greatest changes, however, have occurred in our university schools in which

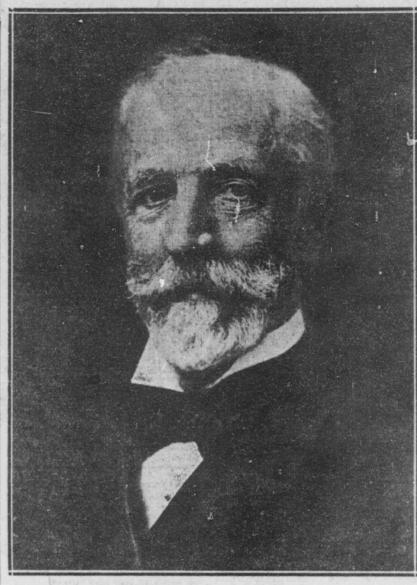
men are prepared for professions, "I remember very well when a student, without even so much as a high school college for two winters, or twelve months but there is no good in mentioning them. altogether, be licensed to practice. Now a prospective physician, in New York at course, and is then compelled to spend four years, of nine months each, at a college of medicine. The requirements in Judge Jacob Burnet, afterward a United in Southern Ohio. I wrote the conven- citing at the growing ears. Whether loss has been Portugal; while I recall among my Auslaw also have been increased, and many States Senator, came to him one day and tional sermon, which was about forty present, but promising a masterpiece of inflicted cannot be known as yet, but train acquaintances a colonial magnate. new professions, demanding the hardest said: 'Your land is next to my own. I minutes long, and learned it so thoroughhave come into existence."

wholesome than ever before. There is shoulders. They staked off several square was surprised on Sunday and driven not so much drinking, or profanity, or miles of forests and meadows. So far as back. On Monday he charged the Convulgarity of speech as there was when I I know, Judge Burnet never complained federates, and plucked victory from dis- of assassination of people in high office and bearded, the MacCrackens, tribal attended college in a little rural town of that the MacCrackens got the better of Ohio fifty years ago. One of the stu- him. The land was handed down in the dents in my senior class was expelled family. I sold the last of mine about ten the world's principal occupation and en- for having committed a murder; another years ago. -and he was a relative of a President of the United States-was sent away because of a sensational debauch, and still father and uncle once sat, talking mod- Reid, who was with Grant's army, and

some of the evils that abound in large ulty. While my father was studying the- as it had been written." might be called a pedagogue to the cities, but they are serious and right- ology he met my mother, then the widow us no cause to complain. Oxford, where a successful school for young ladies. I

living young men and their conduct gives of a college president and the owner of the State capital?"

#### DISCUSSES WORK OF YOUNG MEN.



Chancellor of the University of New York.

human being. He is lively, imaginative, the observances of religion as we were reached the age of sixteen. and cordial in his conversation. An inch in ancient times, but I believe our faith more than six feet in stature, with a is as strong as ever and our daily praclarge nose of unusual width at the tices, it seems to me, are much better.' "You must have witnessed a good many

Love Knowledge of Bible.

"Yes, changes in methods and substance. The early Scotch prejudice against written sermons was so great with the university, agreeing to remain that no Presbyterian parson dared to of his coming birthday. The trustees ob- came a period of writing and everything Reid was an excellent teacher and a pop- plants in the garden will have to be would be to condemn the perpetrators way each State should take steps to se- and upon newspapers abstaining from of his coming birthday. The trustees of a parson said was first put on paper. The trustees of the was all excellent teacher and a population of a similar character; a publicity of a nature to gratify the vanpearance, at least, of extemporaneousness. When I learned to preach it was world, accompanied by his wife, and will the rule for ministers to explain the investigate the remarkable educational Scriptures-they would take a text and stick to it and interpret such characters as Moses and the prophets. Nowadays a text merely serves as a topic and when once read often disappears from the discourse that follows. As a result, the Bible. A student, here at the university, the son of a clergyman, was required to write 800 words on the divorce laws of the Jews, as found in Moses and Josephus. He came to me and said: "'Chancellor, I have looked through my Bible twice and can't find the book

> "'Young man,' I replied, 'go home an tell your father that your Bible education has been shamefully neglected.'

"I was studying in Berlin and Tubinger when the higher criticism, as it is called, began to make headway in German universities," Chancellor MacCracken con-Faith, written 260 years ago, mostly by Presbyterians, stated that 'the Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only infallible rule whereby we may and want to escape. It is well to let glorify and enjoy him.' The theologians of the church afterward departed from that great doctrine, taking the ground law's suggestion, I kept informed about the grammar school onward, therefore, that everything in the Bible was inspired, Lincoln's engagements, and heard him and, therefore, the two Testaments, from try several cases and defend Peter Cartover to cover, were divinely accurate in every particular. Nothing was to be qualified. There was to be no departure I could get no employment at Springfrom the interpretations of the theothe Bible was from on high and too as a teacher of classics. Moreover, I sacred for any human explanation be- had begun to think that I ought, per-

Changes in Theology. "I preached in the narrow days of such | Xenia, one of the oldest in the country, That slipshod era has passed derstand their beliefs and purposes, accept the Westminster declaration that was a student of theology for a year the Word of God, which is contained in before I joined the church. I was Scotch make room for some one else. The the Old and New Testaments, is the only and unemotional, and I thought out my infallible rule' and so forth. The fathers course as I would a problem in algebra. of the confession went no further than Ultimately I decided that I could make o say, 'which is contained.' In the mean- better use of my life in the ministry while, the higher critics are reverently than anywhere else. I had no 'call' in earching for the 'Word,' named so careeducation, could qualify for a degree in fully by the pious men and scholars of from heaven, as is the case with so many medicine, and after attending a medical Westminster. I have seen other changes, other parsons. I completed my theologi-"The MacCracken family," I said "owned a very large tract of land in mon?"

200 acres near the city of Cincinnati. in 1862, and was ordained at a little town ley telegraphed an ingenious message, rekind of labor in the way of preparation, have other good land just to the north, ly that I could repeat it forward or Mrs. Billingley's responses were coming and weather such as that for the past about fifteen years ago, leaving a large in Butler County. I will trade as much backward. The sermon was set for in daily, at first fully understanding, for-"Have the moral character and per- of it as you think is right for the farm Tuesday morning, April 8, 1962. In the giving, and awaiting the promised mas- Over all the interior there have brooded yet who in 1860 had rendered himself sonal conduct of students improved or you are living on.' My father, his bro- middle of my recitation, for that is what terpleces, but finally waxing impatient, great areas of low barometer, of high guilty of a most extraordinary attack ther, and a brother-in-law walked to But- it was, I heard the whistle of a leco- skeptical, and angry.

Became a Teacher. "Naturally, you meant to be a clergy-

man?" I said. "No; I expected to be a lawyer. ceeding Whitelaw Reid, now owner of New York. the New York Tribune and the American Ambassador to Great Britain, who had gone to the neighboring town of Xenia to be the editor of a weekly newspaper. still looking toward the law, not even enough water to penetrate all the soil in sake of the Commonwealth. being a church member, but there was a which their roots grow, and see that it deep religious feeling throughout the is kept moist. Watering to-day and the church and occasionally visited me ing for such use. at South Charleston, where I boarded in the family of a parson. I remember that I said to the minister's wife one Sunday before breakfast, the minister being absent: 'Ask Mr. Reid to take your husband's place and lead the morning worship.' The request was made, and The request was made, and Mr. Reid read the Bible and prayed without any objection or seeming embarrass-

"From South Charleston I went to Xenia to teach classics in the high tion. At the end of eighteen months, school. One summer I visited my half- however, the old folks began to write and had been a Democrat. On hearing was to write a long, long letter every the debate between Lincoln and Doug- day-and if she didn't receive it she las, however, he turned Republican. He would cry those beautiful hazel eyes advised me to remain in Springfield and read law in Lincoln's office. No one then thought that Lincoln would ever now for even household expenses.

Decides on the Ministry. "Being impressed by my brother-inwright's grandson in his preliminary examination on the charge of murder. But field, and I returned to Ohio, where I ogians, who declared that each word in had been reappointed to my old position haps, to be a preacher.

"There was a theological seminary at heologians. The higher critics, as I un- and I took a course in Hebrew while teaching in the high school. Indeed, I the sense of hearing a summons direct cal studies at Princeton.'

"Do you still remember your first ser-"As clearly as if it had been delivered

knew exactly what was happening Presently all the men came back, and saw them put their heads on the pew

Pray for Victory. "You see, the Batle of Shiloh had been

fought on Sunday and Monday. Grant aster. The whistle of the locomotive told since the murderous attack upon the my congregation that the Cincinnati mayor of New York a little over ten days daily papers were coming to town with ago. But there are a few points which very name of the man was left unre-"After I had grown into manhood I the news of the battle, and one of them seem to have escaped attention, and was shown the line fence on which my would contain a dispatch from Whitelaw

erately in Scotch fash on and saying at who was known thereabouts and highly the end of the conference? We have respected. So when the men returned worked hard, and now we shall go to and began to pray, I understood that all Miami University and prepare ourselves had gone well with the Union forces. "A large part of our students live in for the ministry." Both were graduated Still, excited as I ought to have been, I a clan, have been teaching ever since New York and are supposed to know of my uncle becoming a member of the fac-

"Your first pastorate was in Columbus

"Yes; I was twenty-three years old. yers were members of the congregation. as chaplain of the legislature. Clement L. Vallandigham, banished to the South by President Lincoln because of his treaonable utterances, was coldly received, though he was, the Democrats of Ohio is being written about him. ominated him for governor. I attended the convention, and noted that most of the delegates were sullen-looking men and wore unclean linen dusters. John Brough ran against Vallandigham, and his majority of 101,099 beat all the State was said that-

'If all flesh is grass, as the Scripture

Then Johnny Brough is a load of hay." A Republican Prayer.

"It was my turn to pray in the house Ohlo and telegraphed the prayer to fame, at any rate in that of infamy. many of the largest newspapers in the United States.

Church of Scotland, which met in Glas- tastes, and the views of the murderer. gow. Henry M. Field, an eminent cler- It is the thirst for notoriety, the de was introduced as a new school Presby- not always receive, the scaffold. terian, and got an icy welcome. I was said to be a representative of the old

pamphlet at his own expense, and circu- Britain. lated it all over Great Britain.

"After returning home from Europe where I attended lectures in Germany, I Sipido's attempt upon the life of Edward President is a crime, not against an inbeing principal of a small academy for a preached for thirteen years in Toledo. VII and the notoriety achieved by the dividual, but against the nation, and one reason or another upon the murder year I was elected superintendent of the Then I went to Pittsburg, as chancellor of public schools at South Charleston, suc- Western University. In 1884 I came to

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### WHERE PUBLICITY HARMS

# Shooting-Fate of Perpetrators of Such Outrages.

Much has been printed on the subject which are worthy of consideration.

The first and foremost of these is the egregious vanity which has been the dominant characteristic of the perpetrator of well-nigh every attem it upon the lives of those in authority no matter whether monarch, presider of republic. minister of state, governe, or chief

It is a characteristic which, as might have been expected, made itself apparent from the very first in Mayor Gaynor's assailant, who is said to express bitter disappointment when a day passes with-A pew was set apart for the judges of of the newspapers, and whose one plaint the Supreme Court. I also took my turn in prison is neither as to the fate in store for him, nor yet concerning his more or less imaginary wrongs in the past, but the loss of his spectacles, which ard found refuge in Canada. Exile fine print of the pages of the press what

What the great Prince Bismarck was wont to describe as "the lust of fame," and what Prof. Lombroso diagnosed as "the craze for notoriety." in the case of records up to that time. Of Brough it high rank and office that came under his hundred the principal motive of the

nstance men who in no other manner could ever hope to attract the attention of representatives the morning after or to arouse the interest of their fellowelection. My prayer, 300 words in length, citizens, but who as more or less sucwas called 'a d- black Republican cessful perpetrators of an attempt on the speech' by one of the Democratic mem- lives of the great are assured not only bers. William Henry Smith, later in life of world-wide publicity for the time bethe general manager of the Associated ing, but also of a niche in history-of a Press, was then secretary of state in lasting place, if not in the temple of

The names of the assassins of King Humbert, of the Empress of Austria, of "I was acquainted with Salmon P. Sadi-Carnot, President of the French re-Chase, Lincoln's Secretary of the Treas- public; of Presidents Lincoln, Garfield, ury; with John and William T. Sherman, and McKinley are certain to endure as and with Rutherford B. Hayes, for whose long as those of their victims; and the mother I preached a funeral sermon. knowledge that this is certain to be the Four years after I became a parson, I case is as powerful an incentive to a took my sister to Europe for her health, man in whom vanity has reached the had letters from Secretary Chase and stage of actual disease as is the extraorother distinguished men, on the strength dinary prominence given by the news of which I was asked to be a delegate papers to everything relating to the life in the general assembly of the Free the antecedents, the appearance, the

gyman, and brother of Cyrus W. Field, light of being in men's mouths that brings who laid the first cable connecting Amer- these cranks—for it is difficult to describe ica with Europe, was the regular delegate them by any other name-to the execufrom this country. I was nobody. Field tion of deeds that deserve, if they do

Dr. Field said in his speech, 'a question governorship, or even for the Presidency,

ful incentive to crime of this nature. young anarchist was followed by the murder of King Humbert at Monza, and tional law, just as the counterfeiting of elaborate the protection furnished by seportance in either the Old World or in The law should be extended so as to safe- every description, it is impossible to asfectly convinced that the most efficacious of the Cabinet and the officials of the If the season is a dry one some of the preventive of outrages of this nature Federal government, and in the same liaments, by means of special legislation, prospered under his management. I was This is especially true of the dahlia. Use should be required to contribute, for the legislation possessed by the French re-

country at the time, and I came under its neglected for a week to come isn't the to fetter the press. Until forty years influence. Whitelaw Reid had gone into proper thing. Save the suds from wash- ago capital punishment was provided in than ordinary citizens, at the hands of mayors. England for certain offenses other than

than passing reference.

prevents him from ascertaining in the able crimes, the chief incentive to such

well-nigh every assassin of personages of press, but even great poets, such as to come here on a lecturing tour. notice, are in ninety-nine cases out of a English fame write glibly about the The authors thereof are in nearly every

Mayor Gaynor's assailant was interkind of Presbyterians, and was loudly viewed after his crime, and his remarks not be enacted in this country; if not by Re!" (Long live the King!) he swung were printed in the newspapers, with the nation, at any rate, by the various with apparent enthusiasm in a circle his "The great question which the minismore prominence than would be accorded States. After the assassination of Presisoft hat, from the interior of which flew. ters in the United States had to face. the utterances of a candidate for the dent McKinley, it may be recalled that as if hurled by a sling, a poniard, which future, concerned slavery.' Field, a par- by the press to Luccheni, the slaver of death for the attempt upon the life of any wooden wall. ticular man, gave his manuscript to the the Empress of Austria, and to Sipido, Chief Magistrate of the United States. Likewise, Chancellor MacCracken is a moral age. We may not be so strict in which I was graduated before I had newspapers, and all of them turned the vainglorious lad who shot at Ed- The measure failed to secure enactment feat, by means of which they intended word 'slavery' into 'salary.' He was so ward VII at Brussels not fong before on the plea that the attempted assassings to essessingly king Francis and it was outraged that he put his address into a his accession to the throne of Great tion of the President was no more se-only the Garibaldian rising and the over-

All this publicity constitutes a power-

murder and too atroclous to permit more | ing Cambridge House, in Piccadilly, after

court proceedings. Sometimes even the until the day of her death upon to deal with a crime punishable

If some such scheme were adopted by the newspapers with regard to the assassination or attempted murder of rulers, be readily safeguarded without the re- was originally sent out to the Antipport of the case in the press, and were odes being totally forgotten. the crank to realize that in endeavoring to take the life of one in authority he was consigning himself, not to lasting celebrity, but to an oblivion as complete as that which the English press helped until forty years ago to envelope those incurring capital punishment for unprintoutrages as that to which Mayor Gaynor was subjected the other day would have disappeared.

when not only the periodical and daily Swinburne, and authors of American and necessity of "tyranny," such as that popularly ascribed to the Russian government, "being tempered by assassination," and claim indulgence for the murderers of Muscovite imperial personages, statesmen, and governors, on the plea that the crimes in question have been of

a political enaracter, our aged thereby twentieth century. For if Mayor Gaynor was shot at it was because his assailant was prompted this particular class of crime is the diffinot only by his egregious vanity and lust culty of furnishing adequate protection for fame, but also because he regarded to the victims. No matter how elaborate the chief magistrate of New York as the the safeguards, the risk is always there, representative of the "despotism" to and it will not be long before some crank which he considered he was indebted for takes advantage of the readiness of King the loss of the employment that had pro- Alfonso in posing good-naturedly to near-

daily bread.

with death attacks with murderous intent him upon public officials, when engaged in the How ingenious criminals of this kind performance of their duty. It has been are is shown by the following story, ore honored in the breach than in the which relates, it is true, to the closing observance in the past, but is now about months of the Bourbon rule of Naples. to be re-enforced by the government, at An English friend of mine, known to be the instance of Prime Minister Briand, a sympathizer of the cause of united of the Parisian police who have been Naples, where in a back room a number either killed outright or maimed for life of men were engaged in a curious game. by the savage "Apaches" who infest the There was a human figure painted on French capital.

an endeavor was made to secure the en- landed with unerring precision exactly in actment of a national law, providing the breast of the figure painted on the on the plea that the attempted assassina- to assassinate King Francis, and it was rious than a murderous attack upon an throw of his regime a few weeks later ordinary citizen.

But an attempt upon the life of the In fact, there is no end to the ingeshould be punished as such by special na- of those in authority, and no matter how there is harly a criminologist of any im- money, postal frauds, and smuggling, cret service agents, and by police of the Western Hemisphere who is not per- guard in a similar fashion the members sure their safety. public, on the ground, first of all, that attempts on the lives of those who are, public officials, especially when in the after all, the servants of the common No special legislation should be needed performance of their duty, are exposed wealth, be they monarchs, presidents of to risks of a far more serious character republics, cabinet officers, governors, or criminals and cranks; and secondly, because murderous outrages of this kind are offenses, not against the individual but against the commonwealth.

> As the matter stand now, and assuming that the recovery of Mayor Gaynor continues, his assailant will escape with a more or less brief loss of liberty. Indeed, it is by no means certain that even if the mayor succumbed to his injuries his murderer would be sent to the electric chair. Probably some plea would be put forward to the effect that he was not altogether responsible for his acof detention in some lunatic asylum, from which he would subsequently be turned loose upon the community anew as "cured."

The penalties at present imposed upon offenders of his stripe are altogether too light, and the means of evading them too numerous to constitute any deter-

Thus Luigi Luccheni, the assassin of Empress Elizabeth, has recently been visited in his prison at Geneva by the explorer Harry De Windt, who found him, not incarcerated in a dungeon, but in a light and airy room, overlooking the beautiful lake, enjoying an abundant Billingsley tore out the whole three diet, a pint of wine, and a package of cigarettes daily, and employed in book binding, the work, however, being purely coluntary. His room is furnished comfortably, with well filled bookcases, a writing table, electric light, the walls being covered with picture post cards, big, lovable old bear was fixing up a Empress Elizabeth, and her widowed husband, while he is allowed all the the "fortress" which the mole constructs conversation and communication that he above the surface of the ground will alcares for with the other convicts.

Col. Maschin, who personally murdered King Alexander, of Servia, and Queen Draga, under circumstances of the most is a perpendicular yun penetrating about inconceivable brutality, in 1903, died only a foot below the bottom of the nest and the other day at Belgrade as a high then turning upward to meet another task, and besides the others were wait- acreage and high in condition. The gov- dignitary of the Servian army and of ing for him. Therefore he dispatched ernment crop report on that date point- King Peter's household, having, in spite although it may be yet warm from his ed to a yield which would be 500,000,- of the blood with which his hands were 000 bushels larger than last year, an in- stained, filled the offices of minister of hearing, a mole frequently locates the crease of nearly 20 per cent. This public works and of war in several of nest of a partridge of pheasant above his would make up for the shrinkage in the Servian administrations of the last run and, penetrating it from below, eats

Western corn is, however, at just the eldest son, are still not merely unpunish- has deteriorated. stage where scorching winds would blast ed, but actually holding public office in week has done harm to corn in the past. fortune acquired in the Antipodes, and last! temperatures, and of winds that carried upon Queen Victoria, striking her in the

Without any legal restriction the Brit- uncle, the penultimate Duke of Camish newspapers, with one accord, forbore bridge, and inflicting upon her a cut on any description of the crime or of the the forehead of which she bore the scar

For this gross outrage, Pate, a lieuter corded, the reports as published merely ant of the Tenth Hussars, the crack mentioning that the court had been called cavalry regiment of the army, and a member of many of the best clubs in under a certain act of Parliament, and London, was condemned to seven years' that capital sentence had been pro- transportation, and penal servitude in

Long before the expiration of his sen tence he was released on a ticket of leave, settled down in the Australian colchief magistrates, and public officials, ony of Victoria, and by dint of hard work there would be a far smaller number of and judicious investments, realized a very these outrages to deplore. Justice could large fortune, the offense for which he

The murderers of Duke Charles III of Parma, ended their days in peace here in America, making little or no secret of the fact that they had killed their soverign; while Hartmann and "Stepniak," who were concerned in a number of nihilist outrages, and accountable for the death of a number of Muscovite government officials, and dignitaries of the Russian empire, were allowed to live without hindrance in England, "Stepniak," indeed, becoming a valued contributor of Moreover, it must not be forgotten that the London Times, though he was barred from the United States, when he wished

It is owing to this leniency that attempts on the lives of rulers and public officials have become so very numerous during the last half century, and especially during the last twenty years. The Middle Ages and the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were accounted lawless, and as epochs when human life was held cheap. But never have the attempts to assassinate public officials been so frequent as during the first decade of the

A feature of the problem presented by vided him for so many years with his ly every photographer whom he encounters to aim a bullet, possibly a small explosive bomb, through his camera un-In France there is a statute punishing der the pretext of merely snapshotting

the wooden wall, and each in turn sprang It is a pity that some such law could on a chair, and as he cried "Evviva il

That is why it is incumbent upon par-

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The Future of Flying. Charles K. Hamilton, in the Columbian

Eventually I believe travel will be as safe in the air as with the auto on land. We are gaining greater control over the extremely popular, too, for you will never be troubled with bad roads, and you will be in no danger of collisions. I believe that the aeroplane will reach the practical stage before long. With a perfect motor to develop greater horsepower, the length of a flight will only be limited by the lifting power of the machine, and the larger the aerial surface resisted the greater will be the lifting power. It is only a question of time before the perfect aeroplane motor will be

The general public is under the impression that when the aviator reaches a high altitude he is in great danger, and may be dashed to the ground at any moment. The opposite is the fact. The higher one sails in an aeroplane the his motor fail, of picking out his landing place and gliding toward it. On the other hand, I will guarantee to sail from the Battery to Harlem and return without going higher than thirty feet from the ground.

Among the common animals few have been less studied in their life history than the mole. An English naturalist, Mr. Lionel E Adams, says that under ways be found a series of tunnels running out beneath the adjacent field. A curious feature almost invariably found run. A mole is never found in his nest. body when opened. Guided by smell and the eggs. The adult mole is practically The people responsible for the murder blind, but there are embryonic indicaof King Carlos of Portugal, and of his tions that the power of sight in the race

Unfortunately Expressed.

Violinist (one of a trio of amateurs who have just obliged with a rather lengthy performance)-Well, we've left off at

Hostess-Thank you so much!

At Cleveland there is a complete plant face with his cane, while she was leav- for curing meats by electrical processes,

## THE LOVE LETTERS.

Writer.'

year before pretty Mrs. Billingsley even fact that it was now too late to get thought of going back to Danby Sta- through the letter, even if he had the sister at Springfield, Ill. Her husband pleading letters, and Mrs. Billingsley was an elder in the Presbyterian church felt that she just must go. Tom, though,

clear out-so there! Billingsley promised faithfully, though he detested letter writing, and Mrs. get to be a national character. He had Billingsley departed. Billingsley started been defeated the previous year for the home early the first evening, in order United States Senate, and was so poor to get a good running start on the letthat he had said: 'I am without money ter. At the last corner, however, he

encountered Cunningham. "Hello, Tom," called Cunningham, wifey gone to the rural hedgeways for a bit, hasn't she?"

"Ye-e-es," admitted Billingsley. bawled Cunningham, slapoing Billingsley upon the back. "Kennedy and Cobb are in town-just talking about you. Great luck-we'll have a red and purple week with silver trim-

mings. Come on.' For a while, Billingsley held out; but Cunningham would not take "No." Billingsley compromised. On the way to the club he telegraphed:

"Circumstances prevent writing to day. Await long letter to-morrow.' Exuberant over his diplomacy, Billingslev let himself out. Cunningham and Kennedy and Cobb let themselves out also, and as a result Billingsley felt letter writing to be an impossible

"Peculiar turn of events prevents writing to-day. Long, tender, fully explanatory letter to-morrow." Cunningham and the others were just

getting started, and the week slipped into cereal yield of all grains which would be a perfect fulfillment of Cunningham's red "My grandfather had a farm of about quite recently. I was licensed to preach and purple prophecy, Each day Billingsall the tender emotions on the morrow. corn rose yesterday 5 cents a bushel of the name of Robert Pate, who died

The Billingsleys had been married a expected return, Billingsley awoke to the resolution-which he didn't. Therefore, he called a council of war. Every one was feeling rather dull and suggestions tions, and he would escape with a period were few and impractical. "I'd telegraph the letter complete, if

> I only had the nerve to write it," Billingsley groaned. At this, Cobb sprang up with a whoop. What's the matter with this?" he exclaimed, fishing a fat, red book from under the table. It was "The Standard

> Book of Etiquette and Complete Letter

"By George!" cried Billingsley. "Pick out the best and longest." They found it on page 133, entitled 'Missive from a Devoted Gentleman to His Wife Sojourning in the Country,' and, as a poetic, tender masterpiece, it was more than Billingsley had promised.

The tolls amounted to \$43.16, but Billingsley paid without a murmur. And he never regretted it. For Mrs. Billingsley declared it the sweetest, dear-So est, tenderest message any woman ever received-and she knew all the time her including two representing his victim, surprise for her.

pages and raced to the telegraph office.

Corn and the Hot Wave. From the Philadelphia Press,

The hot wave, which has meant discomfort in the city, has apparently arose next afternoon at 2 o'clock. He worked serious injury in the corn belt. The corn crop of July 1 was large in

> spring wheat twice over, and give a total few years. one of the largest on record.

"Student life in this country is more ler County, carrying axes on their motive. Then I observed one elder get On the last day before Mrs. Billingsley's heat over the heart of the corn belt.